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SUBJECT: GATT: GOI IMPLEMENTS CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT, 1975

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C. NEW DELHIA-82, APRIL 7, 1976

1. THE GOI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AUGUST 2, 1976 IS THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT, 1975, TOGETHER WITH ITS SCHEDULES OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DUTIES PREPARED IN THE BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) FORMAT. THE ACT WAS PASSED BY THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT IN AUGUST 1975, AND COPIES WERE TRANSMITTED WITH NEW DELHI A-298 OF SEPTEMBER 10. GOI OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW LEGISLATION DOES NOT NOW MEAN ANY BASIC CHANGES IN INDIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF RATES ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES.

2. AS PART OF ITS IFY 1976-77 BUDGET PROPOSALS THE GOI MADE

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IMPORTANT CHANGES, EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 1976, IN BASIC CUSTOMS

DUTIES ON A WIDE RANGE OF COMMODITIES, WHICH INCLUDED APPROXIMATELY
130 GATT-BOUND ITEMS. THE BUDGET ALSO AMENDED THE CUSTOMS TARIFF
ACT, 1975.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON ANY GOI ACTIONS AMENDING
CUSTOMS TARIFF RATES OR INTEGRATING INDIA'S COMMODITY
TRADE SCHEDULES AND DATA MORE FULLY WITH THE BTN.SAXBE

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